Sl. No.	Name of the Company/Individual
31.	Nirlon Synthetics Fibres & Chemicals Ltd., Bombay.
32.	New India Assurance Co. Ltd., Bombay.
33.	Orkey Silk Mills Ltd., Bombay.
34.	Parekh Brothers, Bombay.
35.	Pure Drinks (ND) Ltd., Delhi.
36.	Southern Petrochemical Ind. Corpn. Ltd., Madras.
37.	Shri Sukar Narain Bakhia, Ahmedabad.
38.	Telco Ltd., Bombay.
39.	United Bank of India, Calcutta.
40.	Shri Vinod Kumar Didwania, Madras.

Except in the case of S. No. 21 and 37, the demand had been raised, at different points of time, from the year 1983-84 onwards. In the case of S. No. 21 and 37 part of the demand had been raised prior to 1983-84.

CENTRAL EXCISE

41. M/s. I.T.C. Limited – Different amounts pending from different dates since 1985 onwards.

42. M/s. Bombay Tyre International Limited – since 1985

43. M/s. Modipon Limited—Different amounts pending from different dates since 1970 onwards.

44. M/s. Shree Vallabh Glass Works Ltd.—since 1978.

Gold Reserve and value of Gold stock

427. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gold reserve with Central Government has registered unprecedented increase during last five years and during the period 1987-88 and 1988-89 in particular;

(b) if so, what is the value of the present gold stock with Government both at the domestic and international rates; and

(c) what has been the year-wise gold stock since 1977 upto October, 1989 alongwith its value?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (c) The gold reserves with RBI since 1977 are indicated in the statement placed below.

(b) The information is being collected.

Statement

Gold reserves with the RBI

(Rs. Crores)

	*Value
1977-78	193.1
1978-79	219.5
1979-80	224.7
1980-81	225.6
1981-82	225.6

	*Value
1982-83	225.6
1983-84	225.6
1984-85	245.8
1985-86	274.3
1986-87	274.3
1987-88	274.3
1988-89	274.3

*Gold valued at Rs. 53.58 per 10 grams upto May 1966 and at Rs. 84.39 per 10 grams thereafter.

Development of food processing industry

428. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proopse to develop food processing industries and for that purpose have recently formulated any scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) With the objective of development of food processing industries Government have set up the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Some of the major steps taken since setting up of this Ministry for giving a boost to the development of food processing industries include:—

(i) Placement of food procesing industries in Appendix-I with the exception of milk foods, malted foods and flour and subject to reservation for small scale industries;

(ii) Allowing the facility of broad banding to all food processing industries except malted foods and flour and those items reserved for Small Scale Industries;

(iii) Formation of Nodal Agencies of State Governments for coordinating the activities connected with food processing industries;

(iv) Formation of Development Councils to advise the Ministry in the development of food processing industries;

(v) Granting of fiscal reliefs to the food processing industries.

Export of Cotton

429. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the export quota of cotton in view of the increased production; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) In view of the increased production of cotton during the current cotton year, this Government has already increased the export quota to 3 lakh bales of long Staple (28 mm and above), 2 lakh bales of Extra Long Staple (34.5 mm and above) and 1 lakh bales of Bengal Deshi cotton as against the quota of only 1 lakh bales each of ELS and Bengal Desi cotton during the previous year. Release of further quota would depend on the availability of exportable surplus and the impact on prices.

SYL Canal

430. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan of action is proposed to expedite the work on the SYL Canal; and

(b) if so, the target date by which the work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES